go to run the Administration of to-day. That is the question. So, on this vital question of all questions is the House going to allow this demand? When I said that 1,000 rupees may be reduced, my Hon'ble friend has taken it to mean literally. That is not it. When I said that the unnessary part of the demand asked for consists in the appointment of the Assistant Manager I mean and it must be taken to mean not Rs. 1,000—even pay will mean something less or more than Rs. 1,000. Therefore don't quibble upon such things. My Hon'ble friend knows it well,I know. My position is only this. I have stated the case before the House and if it is the wish of the House that it should be pressed I have absolutely no objection to press it. If, on the other hand, it is the wish of the House that I should not press it after iinformlng the Government.....

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* How can they say that? We must vote for that.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* We must first of all put to vote as to what the wish of the House is.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Anyhow, I have stated the case of the tax payer. I leave it at that. If you will allow me to withdraw I will withdraw. If it is your wish that it is to be put to vote I am game for that too.

Mr. President: Do I understand the Hon'ble Member to withdraw his motion?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* It means so, Sir. *(Laughter)*

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

Demand put and carried

The House rose for lunch at 1-30 p.m. and reassembled at 2-30 p.m. with the Hon'ble Diwan President in the Chair

(2) "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Prevention of Epidemics"

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 20,650 under "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Prevention of Epidemics". There is a provision of 20,000 rupees in the Public Health Budget of 1122 under "Prevention of Epidemics" out of which a sum of about Rs. 13,113 has been spent till now. The major portion of the expenditure was on account of the large amount of contribution of Rs. 5,000 and odd to the Mattancheri Municipality towards expenditure incurred in connection with the small pox epidemic in 1119 and towards the cost of medicines urgently ordered for, on the out break of plague in Mattancheri and Ernakulam. There is only a balance of Rs. 6,887 under this head. To meet the anticipated expenditure for plague preventive measures and other routine activities of the Department during the rest of the year a sum of Rs. 27,535 is necessary. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 20,650 is absolutely necessary under "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Prevention of Epidemics". I request this House to sanction the grant.

Demand put and carried

(3) "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Anti-Malarial Operations"

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 6,000 under "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Anti-Malarial Operations".

Malaria is reported to be prevalent in Vadakkancheri. On a survey conducted in Vadakkancheri and the neighbouring places it was found that the prevalence of Malaria is mostly due to the existence of a large number of burrow pits on the railway line and on the sides of the State Public Works Department Roads, which afforded good breeding places for mosquito larvae. Arrangements have been made with the South Indian Railway to fill up the burrow pits in the railway lines. Those in the Public Works Department Roads also have to be filled up. The cost of the work is estimated at Rs. 6,000. There is no specific provision in the Public Health Budget for the expenditure. It is also not possible to anticipate savings to the extent of this amount. I request that this amount may be sanctioned.

CUT MOTION

To urge Government to carry on the war against Malaria in a militant way

***Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkanchri):* I move, Sir, to reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,000 under "26-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Anti-Malarial Operations by Re. 1, to urge on the

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Government that the war against Malaria be carried on in a militant way. The statement supplied to us, Sir, and read out by the Honourable Minister is consoling and even encouraging. It says, Sir, that Government have been pleased to conduct something like a survey and to find from the report that after all there is prevalence of Malaria in Vadakkancheri. I may inform the House and the Honourable Minister that this scourge is not confined only to Vadakkancheri. It is almost a universal thing here in Cochin in various parts. But with specific reference to Vadakkancheri andthe neighbouring villages like Parlikad, Mnaloor, Puduruthy, Varoor and the 4 villages which go by the name of Machad are all suffering from this hopeless scourge. Now the Government have been able to find out that the burrow pits both on the railway line as well as on the public road sides are the breeding ground for the Malaria larvae and it is proposed through this supplementary demand to fill up those partly by the railway authorities and partly by our own Minister for Public Works. To that extent it is very good. The amount may be had. But Malaria and the extent of its larvae cannot be put an end to or be appreciably reduced by secing that the breeding grounds for the Malaria larvae are no more there. Many a person in these areas as also in other places have been attacked by Malaria, a dreadful disease, which, though not fatal in many cases, is a disease which is very enervating in its after-effects, and some of the Allopathic medicines if administered in sufficient quantities to see that there is a temporary relief, the administration of such medicines brings about a series of other ailments for the patient who has consumed a large quantity of the medicine that is supplied. Now as far as the persons who are already affected and are likely to be affected hereafter also in spite of the fact that the burrow pits will be filled, are concerned, my proposition before the Government is that they may be pleased to carry on a war. It must be a war and a well planned war and that well planned war against Malaria must be fought as a war ought to be fought in a militant fashion, not please excuse me Sir, in the half-hearted, shifting, drifting way, in which the Government have thus far been able to do it. If my statements are controverted I will be able to convince the House by citations from our own budget books as well as from the proceedings of the Council, that the attempt has been a half-hearted and shifting attitude. There had been no plan to fight this scourge. There had been also, no sufficient fighting spirit in this war against Malaria. I have tabled this cut now to request the Government that they may be pleased to plan the war properly as every warh as to be planned and they may be pleased not only to plan it, but to fight it in a militant fashion. That is the proposition which I have brought before this House through this cut motion with specific reference to Vadakancheri. Thnough the endeavours of some of us, mainly of my Hon'ble friend the Member for Cheruthuruthi for some months that area was given a special Doctor with not the necessary complement of things that a Doctor engaged in that work should be given. Again there, I was personally feeling the half-hearted way in which the Government was doing things. Those were the days in which the Officer Government was running the Administration. Now we have a popular Ministry in charge of this Department. It is to that Ministry I make the appeal that they may show that it is not the Officer Government but the Popular Government, the Ministerial Government, the Prajamandal running the Ministerial Cabinet, that runs the whole business. It must be made known to the public and made felt by the public that there is a wholesome change, a welcome change; and the Ministry is are able to show that to the poeple and make the poeple feel it, absolutely no benefit goes to the people at large for the continued fighting, the people were carrying on. When you have once got it, show it to the public, make them understand that the change is for the good, it is for their betterment, it is for their advancement. Unless it is shown I do not know what is in store? Perhaps some may think that nothing will happen; but the ways of Providence are inscrutable; and something like that may take place if you are not on the alert and do not react to the wishes and hopes of the people. That is the proposition that I place before the House.

* **Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar** *(Minister for Public Health):* I am thankful to the Hon'ble Member from Vadakkancheri for bringing this matter to the pointed attention of this House. We have already prepared a longterm plan for waging war to use my Hon'ble friend's word—a regular war on Malaria and the House will be pleased to hear that the All India Expert Dr. Macdonald of the Ross Institute will be visiting our State in a couple of days and we have decided to have a discussion with him and these schemes will have his scrutiny and after taking his advice we are going to wage this war.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Militantly too, I think.

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Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* Surely you know me. There is nothing half-hearted in it. When once I am on it, it is militant.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* None knows it better than you.

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I will take this opportunity to request this House to pass the necessary allotments for the same even this year, because I have not got any amount in the budget.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Do you doubt it?

Rao Bahadur T.K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I am only taking this opportunity to say that, so that there may not be any fruther discussion on that day. This House cannot say that this Government was not doing anything or was doing half-heartedly. We were doing almost everything possible under the circumstances. I do not know and only experts can say whether in the course of a couple of months or years this Malaria can be completely eradicated. I do not think it is possible in a State like ours where we have vast areas of paddy fields and other things. Even in Vadakkancheri we may be able to fill up the pits; but there is the vast expanse of paddy fields. The only remedy is this; and we have been trying it long in Chittur Taluk and my Hon'ble friend from Chittur may be able to say whether it is a success or failure there. That is the difficulty; but all the same in all earnestness I can assure this House that we will do everything possible to drive out this thing from our State. With this assurance, I hope that this House will be pleased to grant this amount.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* We shall wait and see. I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

Demand put and carried

(4) "19. Sanitation and Conservancy—Cranganur

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,400 under "19-Sanitation and Conservancy—Improvements to markets and cart stands—Cranganur".

Due to heavy monsoon, the temporary shed in the Kavil market, Cranganur for holding the fish stall fell down and the materials became useless. A shed for holding the fish stall is absolutely necessary as the fish sellers are conducting the sales on the ground, making the market premises quite insanitary. Hence it is proposed to put up a permanent shed in the market for the purpose. The cost is estimated at Rs. 1,400 according to the present rates for labour and materials. There is no provision in the budget for this work, being an unforeseen item. No reappropriation is also possible at present. An additional allotment of Rs. 1,400 is therefore necessary for the work under "19-Sanitation and Conservancy—Improvements to markets and cart-stands—Cranganur." I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Demand put and carried

(5) "19. Sanitation and Conservancy—Cranganur

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,005 under "19-Sanitation and Conservancy"—Cranganur".

The expenditure on account of the Health Centre at Azhicode was hitherto being met from the State Public Health budget. Provision for the maintenance of this Health Centre for 1122 has also been made in the State Budget. No provision was therefore made in the Cranganur Budget. But it is considered that the charges on account of this Health Centre should correctly be met from the Cranganur Budget as the centre is located in that Principality. No savings are available for reappropriation at present in the Cranganur Budget. The expenditure has therefore to be met by additional allotment. An additional allotment of Rs. 3,005 is therefore required. I request that the amount may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

(6)—(10) "1—Land Revenue"

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni: *(Minister for Revenue):* I may be allowed to move items 6 to 10 together.

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